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REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, the Assignee submits the enclosed remarks. The Office Action objected to claims 17, 27, and 32 as depending on an underlying rejected base claim, but otherwise containing allowable subject-matter. The Office Action rejected claims 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, and 33-53 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,073,140 to *Morgan* ('140 *Morgan*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,766,327 to *Morgan* ('327 *Morgan*); and also rejected claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph.

By the present amendment, independent claims 1, 9, 18, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, and 48 have been amended. Claims 1-53 are still pending in the present application. The present amendment and response is believed to traverse all of the Office Action rejections for at least the reasons presented in the remarks below.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-53 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph as failing to set forth the subject matter the applicants regard as the invention. Independent claims 1, 9, 18, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, and 48 have been amended to omit the phrase "capable of being" with respect to the UCID and UUID. This rejection is believed to be traversed.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, AND 33-53 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A)

The Office Action rejected claims 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, and 33-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,073,140 to *Morgan* (hereinafter '140 *Morgan*') in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,766,327 to *Morgan* (hereinafter '327 *Morgan*'). In particular, the Office Action states that '327 *Morgan* discloses the element "wherein the

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UCID is different from the UUID, and the UCID is capable of being distributed to a customer and the UUID is capable of being maintained without disclosure to the customer." Page 6, lines 4-7.

'140 *Morgan* relates to the use of matching, temporary keys, or persistent links, which are different from the use of a UCID and UUID as in the Applicants' claimed invention. The Office Action states that '140 *Morgan* did not disclose the element "wherein the UCID is different from the UUID, and the UCID is capable of being distributed to a customer and the UUID is capable of being maintained without disclosure to the customer." Page 6, lines 1-4.

'327 *Morgan* relates to providing persistent links encoded with a client-specific key before issuing the links externally to a client. The client-specific key is then used to decode a particular client's links when an information services provider accesses the particular client's data. '327 *Morgan* relies upon the use of a client-specific key, encoding/decoding algorithms, and a stored algorithm/look up table to encode and decode links and to permit sharing of information between an information services provider and its client.

The use of a client-specific key, encoding/decoding algorithms, and a stored algorithm/look up table by '327 *Morgan* is very different from the Applicants' claimed invention which uses a conversion table (CT) to associate a UUID with a UCID. For example, '327 *Morgan* assigns each unique client a particular encoding algorithm including an algorithm identifier and an encoding key. Col. 11, lines 44-47. The algorithm identifier and an encoding key are then stored in an algorithm/look up table. Col. 11, lines 48-50. A persistent link can be encoded by applying a particular encoding

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algorithm corresponding to the algorithm identifier, and then the encoding algorithm is applied to the link using the encoding key to obtain a corresponding encoded link. Col. 11, lines 59 – Col. 12, lines 5. A decoding procedure using the encoded link, a decoding algorithm, and the algorithm/key look-up table must then be performed by '327 Morgan to obtain a decoded link. Col. 12, lines 6-29.

By contrast, the Applicants' claimed invention does not require the use of relatively complex encoding/decoding algorithms to associate a UUID with a UCID. Instead, the Applicants' claimed invention uses a conversion table (CT) which can provide mapping, linking, associating, or correlating functionality to associate a UUID and UCID. See Specification, p. 8, lines 12-15; and Figure 4. As described by at least one example in the Specification, use of a conversion table (CT) with a corresponding UCID and UUID during a transfer of information can permit a user to easily identify and update previously stored data as needed. See Specification, p. 8, lines 18-22. Therefore, use of a conversion table (CT) to determine a relationship between a UUID and corresponding UCID is therefore different than using a client-specific key, encoding/decoding algorithms, and a stored algorithm/look up table as described by '327 Morgan.

To clarify that the Applicants' claimed invention utilizes a conversion table, rather than encoding/decoding algorithms and an algorithm/look up table, Applicants' independent claims 1, 9, 18, and 48 have been amended to include the element "via a conversion table". The remaining independent claims 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, and 45 already include similar elements including "a conversion table."

III. THE OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 17, 27, AND 32

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The Office Action indicates claims 17, 27, and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17, 27, and 32 are ultimately dependent from at least one of the above independent claims for which arguments of patentability have already been advanced above. Therefore, dependent claims 17, 27, and 32 should be allowable over the cited references, and an allowance of such claims should be provided.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-53 are pending in the application. The Office Action rejections have been traversed by the present response. Claims 1-53 are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (404) 815-6048 if such contact will facilitate a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-53. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

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